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March 30, 2022

Shonda D. Green, Secretary Department of Telecommunications and Cable 1000 Washington Street, Suite 600 Boston, MA 02118-6500

Re: Petition of the State 911 Department for Approval of Fiscal Year ("FY") 2022 Expenditures, FY 2023 Development Grant Amount, FY Incentive Grant Regional PSAP Three to Nine Communities Category Percentage, and FY 2023 Incentive Grant Regional

Emergency Communications Center Category Percentage, D.T.C. 22-1

Dear Secretary Green:

Enclosed please find the Attorney General's Notice of Intervention, Appearance of Counsel, and Certificate of Service. Please file according to your usual practice. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jonathan F. Dinerstein

Jonathan F. Dinerstein Assistant Attorney General

Enclosures

cc: William Bendetson, Presiding Officer

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ATTORNEY GENERAL'S NOTICE OF INTERVENTION

Maura Healey, as she is the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, hereby gives notice of intervention as of right in the above-captioned matter under the authority specifically granted her by G.L. c. 12, §§10 and 11E and under her common law authority to represent and protect the public interest.

The Attorney General, as the chief law enforcement officer of the Commonwealth, has "broad common law and statutory powers to represent the public interest." *Commonwealth v. Mass CRINC*, 392 Mass. 79, 88 (1984); see Sec'y of Admin. & Fin. v. Attorney General, 367 Mass. 154, 159 (1975) (quoting Commonwealth v. Kozlowsky, 238 Mass. 379, 389 (1921)). "[T]he Attorney General has a general statutory mandate, in addition to any specific statutory mandate, to protect the public interest." *Mass CRINC*, 392 Mass. at 88 (citing G.L. c. 12, § 10); see also Lowell Gas Co. v. Attorney General, 377 Mass. 37, 48 (1979) (holding that the Attorney General has a "common law duty to represent the public interest and to enforce public rights"). The Attorney General's authority to protect the public interest applies to this administrative

General to control the conduct of litigation involving the interests of the Commonwealth depending on the forum in which he appears." *Feeney v. Commonwealth*, 373 Mass. 359, 367 (1998). The Attorney General's Office's interpretation of its own authority should be given the same significant deference of any administrative agency in carrying out a power granted by the legislature. *Dowling v. Registrar of Motor Vehicles*, 425 Mass. 523, 525 (1997) (quoting *Mass. Med. Soc. v. Comm'r of Ins.*, 402 Mass. 44, 62 (1988)).

Respectfully submitted,

MAURA HEALEY ATTORNEY GENERAL

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APPEARANCE OF COUNSEL

Please enter my appearance on behalf of Maura Healey, the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in the above captioned proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

MAURA HEALEY ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Dated: March 31, 2021

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I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing documents upon each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Secretary in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of 207 C.M.R. 1.05(1). Dated at Boston this 30th day of March, 2022.

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